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- (a) In this section, "violence prevention program" means a course in which education and training is offered in the areas of recognizing, addressing, and resolving issues of violence in the home and the community.
- (b) The Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland has established at Bowie State University a State Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution and Violence Prevention. The Maryland General Assembly hereby recognizes that Center.
 - (c) The General Assembly recognizes that the Center:
- (1) Shall serve as the central repository for materials, data, and information related to violence prevention programs operating in the State or available to the State:
- (2) May serve as a referral source for violence prevention programs and services operating in the State or available to the State;
- (3) May implement volunteer prevention networks throughout the State;
- (4) May provide research and evaluation services in the area of violence prevention;
- (5) May provide information services regarding violence prevention programs and services;
- (6) May provide or facilitate violence prevention education and training programs;
- (7) May provide media and media-related services in the area of violence prevention; and
- (8) May provide educational and academic support to disruptive youth.
- (d) An individual or group operating a violence prevention program in the State shall be encouraged to submit to the Center:

- (1) A written description of the program; and
- (2) Any other information relating to the program required by the Center.
- (e) (1) An individual or group may submit a request to the Center for information on any violence prevention program operating in the State or available to the State.
- (2) On request, the Center shall distribute information relating to a violence prevention program.
 - (f) The operation of the Center shall be supported by funds:
- (1) As provided by the Governor in the annual budget of Bowie State University; and
 - (2) From any other source.

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